F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR

भारत सरकार / Government of India

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

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Dated: 29th June, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Time-extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of Renewable Energy (RE) Projects considering disruption due to the second surge of COVID-19

- Reference is invited to this Ministry's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12th May, 2021, providing for a mechanism for claiming time-extension, on account of second surge of COVID-19, for RE projects, being implemented through implementing Agencies designated by MNRE or under various schemes of MNRE and having their Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) on or after 1st April, 2021.
- It was also provided that the quantum of time-extension to be granted in this manner will be notified separately by MNRE.
- In this regard it has been noted that with the improvement in the COVID-19 situation in the country, many States/UTs have begun the process of unlocking. Broadly, the period of disruption due to second surge of COVID-19 seems to be from 1st April, 2021 to 15th June, 2021.
- It has also been noted that activities related to RE projects are covered under essential activities, and are allowed to continue even during the lockdown situations.
- 5. However, In order to facilitate the ease of doing business and as a measure of relief to RE projects so that they can deal with difficulties arising out of the restrictions imposed on account of the second COVID-19 surge, it has been decided that the entire period of disruption i.e. 1st April, 2021 to 15th June, 2021 (both dates inclusive), can be allowed as time-extension to RE projects, being implemented through Implementing Agencies designated by the MNRE or under various schemes of MNRE, following the process stated in MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12.05.2021.

6. This issues with approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).

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- Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./Administrations for considering to issue similar instructions for RE projects under them, based on their specific circumstances.
- NIC, MNRE, for uploading on MNRE website for dissemination of information

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